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For: COMPOSITION EXHIBITING A
VON WILLEBRAND FACTOR (VWF)
PROTEASE ACTIVITY COMPRISING
A POLYPEPTIDE CHAIN WITH THE
AMINO ACID SEQUENCE
AAGGILHLELLV

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In response to Final Office Action mailed December 16, 2004, Applicants request entry of the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims being on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

Appendices A and B, containing the reformatted copy of the sequence listing in paper format, and an updated PAIR report for the instant application, respectively, are attached following page 8 of this paper.